(a) No such review of Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 has been entrusted to any institution.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government has been reviewing and updating from time to time the provisions of the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 as per requirements and a review of these rules by any independent agency has not been considered necessary.

Quota for Other Backward Classes

347. SHRI EKNATH K. THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that quota for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in the All India Civil Services examinations has almost never been filled in the twelve years since it was first implemented;

(b) whether it is a fact that this is not an encouraging picture when Government are planning to extend the 27 per cent reservation seats for OBCs to higher education; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to fill up the OBC quota in Civil Service examination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) Percentage of the OBC candidates recommended for appointment against vacancies for which the UPSC has sent nominations has been more than 25% in the last 12 years as against the reservation of 27%. While reporting vacancies to the UPSC, it is ensured that the prescribed quota for the OBCs is maintained. Also, there are relaxed norms for recruitment of OBC candidates in terms of number of attempts and upper age limit.

Declaration of assets

348. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether Government employees, especially those belonging to

the Central services, are required to furnished a declaration of assets on the lines required of Members of Parliament and State Assemblies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): In terms of clause (i) of sub Rule 1 of Rule 18 of CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, every Government servant shall on his appointment to any Sevice or post, submit a return of assets and liabilities held by him/her either in his/her own name or in the name of any member of his/her family or in the name of any other person. The details of such assets and liabilities are more or less on the same lines required of Members of Parliament.

Reforms in the bureaucracy

349. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) has been assigned to look into reforms in the bureaucracy;

(b) whether it is a fact that the ARC is only examining reforms to be carried for the IAS and no other services;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the detais thereof;

(d) whether a number of IAS officers specially of Maharashtra cadre have resigned since 2005;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether a number of Indian Revenue Service Officers both from Income Tax and Customs and Central Excise Services have resigned since June 2004; and

(g) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) The Government of India has constituted on 31.8.2005, the second Administrative Reforms Commission to prepare a detailed blueprint for remaping the public administration system.